

Division of Developmental Disabilities Services to Host Two Lifespan Waiver Application Sessions

NEW CASTLE (June 12, 2019) – The Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS) will host two sessions later this month for families interested in applying for the Lifespan Waiver, which is designed to enable individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorder or Prader-Willi Syndrome who have left school to live safely in the community. The waiver's services also will support and respect individuals' desire to work or engage in other productive activities.

Staff from DDDS and community navigators who work for the Columbus Organization, and help people get connected to services, including the Lifespan Waiver, will attend each session. They will help families with their applications and answer questions. The session dates are:

- Tuesday, June 25 (5:30-7:30 p.m.): Fox Run (first floor), 2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear.
- Wednesday, June 26 (5:30-7:30 p.m.): Milford Annex, 291 A Rehoboth Boulevard, Milford.

"This is a great opportunity for individuals and families to come and learn about how the services that DDDS offers under the waiver can help them to lead full and successful lives in the community, and I encourage families to take advantage of this," said Marie Nonnenmacher, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. "We are excited that we were recently able to expand the waiver to enable individuals living at home who have left school to receive Medicaid-funded

home and community-based services and supports.”

Individuals and families are urged to contact their community navigator or the DDDS Manager of Family Engagement before the session for assistance in preparing the necessary supporting documents to bring with them. There are “level of care” and financial requirements used in determining eligibility for these waiver services, which support individuals once they have exited the public school system.

The DDDS Lifespan Waiver is a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver that has been in place since 1987. The waiver provides for services and supports as an alternative to institutional care. For more information on the Lifespan Waiver: <https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/ddds/>